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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - REQUEST FOR TDY AUGMENTATION DETACHMENT

REF: A) STATE 127140 B) KIN 5012 C) EUCOM DIRECTIVE 56-13

1. SINCE COMMENCEMENT OF SHABA CRISIS ON 13 MAY ZAMISH CONSISTING OF SIX PERSONNEL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN 24-HOUR OPERATIONS CARRYING OUT A MULTITUDE OF TASKS.

2. IN VIEW OF REFS A AND B AMBASSADOR CUTLER CONCERNED THAT HE BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF US MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ZAIRE.

3. BY REF C CHIEF ZAMISH DESIGNATED USDRA. HE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ABILITY TO CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD.

4. GEN. BABIA IS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND DESIRES UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON ALL US PERSONNEL AND FLIGHTS. GIVEN THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FAZ GHQ AND ZAMISH THIS HAS MEANT
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AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TRIPS FOR CHIEF ZAMISH PERSONALLY. TURN AROUND TIME APPROXIMATELY 30-45 MINUTES.

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHIEF ZAMISH REQUESTS AND AMBASSADOR CUTLER STRONGLY CONCURS THAT A SMALL ZAMISH AUGMENTATION DETACHMENT WITH ORGANIC COMMUNICATIONS COMPOSED MAINLY OF USAF PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED TO ZAMISH FOR DURATION OF US SUPPORT OPERATIONS

TO ACCOMPLISH FOLLOWING TASKS ON 24 HOUR BASIS:

A. LIAISON OFFICERS AT FAZ GHQ TO KEEP ABREAST OF OPERATIONS AND COORDINATE US SUPPORT OPERATIONS WITH FAZ/FRENCH/BELGIAN STAFF AT THAT LOCATION.

B. KEEP DETAILED UP-TO-DATE ADMINISTRATIVE DATA TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AND LOCATION OF ALL US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ZAIRE.

C. KEEP AMBASSADOR INFORMED, THRU CHIEF ZAMISH, OF ALL US SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHASING DOWN SUPERFLUOUS DOD ELEMENTS AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

6. COMPOSITION AND LOCATION OF AUGMENTATION DETACHMENT:

A. FA GHQ

(1) TWO USAF 05/04 OPERATIONS/LIAISON OFFICERS

(2) TWO USAF E7/E6 OPERATIONS/LIAISON NCO'S

B. ZAMISH

(1) TWO USAF 05/04 OPERATIONS OFFICERS

(2) ONE USAF E8/E7 PERSONNEL NCO

TOTAL OFFICERS - FOUR

TOTAL NCO'S - THREE TOTAL PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION DETACHMENT SEVEN

7. COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

A. FOUR EACH SECURE REPEAT SECURE RADIOS FOR CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ZAMISH/FAZ GHQ/ALCE KINSHASA.

B. NECESSARY COMPONENT SPARE PARTS FOR OPERATIONS.

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8. THIS IS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT IF MISSION IS TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER. ZAMISH AUGMENTATION ATTACHMENT SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAT WITHIN 48 HOURS.
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